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Amendments to the claims follow:

- 1. (Cancelled)
- 2. (Cancelled)
- 3. (Previously Presented) The press filter according to claim 21 wherein the filter element comprises filter paper and the compressible ring comprises a foam ring.
- 4. (Previously Presented) The press filter according to claim 21 wherein the compressible filter membrane comprises a foam member.
- 5. (Original) The press filter according to claim 4 wherein the foam member comprises anisotropic foam.
- 6. (Original) The press filter according to claim 5 wherein the foam member compress radially more readily than along the longitudinal distance.
- 7. (Cancelled)
- 8. (Cancelled)
- 9. (Cancelled)
- 10. (Cancelled)
- 11. (Original) A compressible infusion press for separating infusion material from an infused liquid in a cup shaped as a conical frustum, the cup having an opening with a first radius at a proximal end of the vessel and a closed distal end with a second radius wherein the first radius is larger than the second radius, the compressible infusion press comprising:
  - a. a flexible compressible filter member of a size to at least span the opening and having pores sized to pass the infused liquid but not the infusion material;

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 a radially compressible filter support configured to maintain the filter member in contact with an interior surface of the vessel, the compressible filter support having a plurality of arms extending from an interior region and each bending to form a spiral; and

- c. a plunger element coupled to the filter support and configured for pushing the filter support and the filter member through vessel from the proximal end substantially to the distal end.
- 12. (Original) The compressible infusion press according to claim 11 wherein the flexibly compressible filter member comprises an closed cell foam.
- 13. (Original) The compressible infusion press according to claim 11 wherein the flexibly compressible filter member comprises an open cell foam.
- 14. (Original) The compressible infusion press according to claim 11 wherein the plunger element is a rod sized to a length substantially coincident with a length of the cup.
- 15. (Original) The compressible infusion press according to claim 11 wherein the plunger element is a collection of elements selectable according to a cup size.
- 16. (Original) The compressible infusion press according to claim 11 wherein the plunger element includes features to adapt to a variety of cup sizes.
- 17. (Original) The compressible infusion press according to claim 11 further comprising a lid, having an aperture configured to receive the plunger element when the lid is mounted to the proximal end of the cup wherein the plunger element is a rod sized to a length substantially coincident with a top of the lid so mounted.
- 18. (Original) The compressible infusion press according to claim 17 wherein the rod includes a variety of sizes configured to accommodate a variety of cup sizes.
- 19. (Original) The compressible infusion press according to claim 11wherein the plunger element is configured to selectively attach to the radially compressible filter support.

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20. (Original) The compressible infusion press according to claim 11 wherein the plunger element is integrally formed with the radially compressible filter support.

- 21. (Previously Presented) A compressible infusion press for separating infusion material from an infused liquid in a cup shaped as a conical frustum, the cup having an opening with a first radius at a proximal end of the vessel and a closed distal end with a second radius wherein the first radius is larger than the second radius, the compressible infusion press comprising:
  - a. a flexible compressible filter member of a size to at least span the opening and having pores sized to pass the infused liquid but not the infusion material;
  - b. a radially compressible filter support configured to maintain the filter member in contact with an interior surface of the vessel, the compressible filter support having a plurality of arms extending from an interior support; and
  - c. a plunger element coupled to the filter support and configured for pushing the filter support and the filter member through vessel from the proximal end substantially to the distal end wherein the arms bend inwardly to accommodate the second radius.